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I support the removal of the collaborative agreement transition to practice and practice guidelines for Nurse Practitioners as outlined in the OPR bill. I have been practicing in Vermont and other states for the past 8 years without supervision, and the practice guidelines we submit serve no purpose other than to decrease our scope of practice arbitrarily. In an era of decreased primary care capacity it is regressive and counterproductive to do anything to diminish the increasingly important role of NPs to provide primary care. I became an NP to work in primary care. The push-back against this change comes from medical doctors, who are increasingly rare in primary care - a situation which is not going to improve anytime soon. It is vitally important for the future of healthcare to empower NPs to practice within the scope of our training without needing a collaborative agreement or practice guidelines.

Thank you,

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